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NINTH JOINT USIB COMINT/ELINT COMMITTEE MEETING

Conference Room, East Building, CIA 5 October 1961

Mr. T. Achilles Polyzoides, Department of State, Chairman, COMINT Committee
[REDACTED] U.S. Navy, Interim Chairman, ELINT Committee

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PRESENT:

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Mr. Richard E. Curl

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Mr. Jack E. Thomson*

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Mr. David S. Clark*

NAVY

Captain Donald M. Showers

JOINT STAFF

Colonel Walter S. Hammond, USAF*
(for Colonel Eugene A. Trahan, USA)

OSD

Mr. Robert E. Rich*

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Lt. Colonel Harry J. Thompson, USAF

ALSO PRESENT:

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Commander John T. Douglas
Commander Frederick Musial

AIR FORCE

Lt. Colonel Robert E. Smith
Colonel Gordon Wildes

ARMY

Major Abram V. Rinearson

SECRETARIAT

Major Alva H. May, USAF

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*Represented both Committees.

The Ninth Joint Meeting, held 5 October 1961, came to order at 1430 and adjourned at 1705.

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-29.19/7 Item 1 considered at the Ninth Joint Meeting of the
USIB-CC-29.19/16 COMINT and ELINT Committees, held on 5 October 1961.

Subject: Request for USIB Views on Various Problems Re U. S.
Facilities in [REDACTED]

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References: (a) USIB-M-176, Item #4, Special Annex, 5 Oct. 1961
(b) USIB-CC-29.19/14 and USIB-EE-29.19/5, 5 Oct. 1961

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PROBLEM:

To develop recommendations with respect to the subject for USIB consideration in response to the Department of State Memorandum discussed in Reference (a) and circulated as Reference (b).

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Polyzoides outlined the problem facing the Joint Meeting and suggested that a review of facilities "in-being" and "proposed" for each of several Projects in [REDACTED] would be in order. [NOTE: It was recognized that certain aspects of U.S. operations in [REDACTED] were outside the jurisdiction of the COMINT and ELINT Committees (even with augmented representation). The Executive Secretary was directed to acquaint the Chairmen of COMOR, JAEIC, and GMAIC with the basic elements of the problem being considered by the COMINT and ELINT Committees so that any matters of primary interest to their respective committees could be brought to the attention of USIB concurrent with the Joint COMINT/ELINT Committee report.]

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Various representatives reviewed the history and the status of the following Projects:

- (a) [REDACTED] 25X1A2g
- (b) [REDACTED] & NSA 25X1D
- (c) [REDACTED]
- (d) [REDACTED]

explaining what facilities and resources are already in existence and what are desired for the future.

The Members then discussed the possibility of assigning priorities to these Projects. It was agreed that with respect to the "long term" advantages to the U.S. intelligence community the Projects could be listed in priority order as follows:

- 1st Priority - Fixed Installations
- 2nd Priority - [REDACTED] 25X1A2g & NSA 25X1D
- 3rd Priority - [REDACTED]

It was determined that [REDACTED] need not be assigned a priority because its augmentation has already been agreed to by [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED]

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augmentation is due to be implemented very soon.

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The Members then discussed the matter of increasing both the volume and the variety of intelligence information [REDACTED]. It was generally agreed that very little information is being given, and that the U.S. not only could give more, but should do so. It was recognized that the details concerning exactly what could be given could not be worked out in time to present it to USIB by 9 October, (some matters would have to be coordinated with [REDACTED] but that a policy recommendation on this aspect of the problem could be made.

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In connection with the above discussion, it was also agreed that a fairly comprehensive briefing on the various U.S. Projects could and should be given to a limited number of Government of [REDACTED] officials. Various other actions were discussed which might result in more cordial relations with [REDACTED] - such as [REDACTED] U.S. installations, establishing certain training courses at U.S. bases for [REDACTED] military personnel, and permitting [REDACTED] personnel to ride along on certain flights (not [REDACTED] originating at [REDACTED] air fields.

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DECISION: (5 October 1961)

The Committees agreed that:

(1) The Department of State Member to undertake to draft a proposed memorandum to USIB which would be in response to the Department of State Memorandum circulated as Reference (a). The memorandum to be drafted in light of the discussions herein recorded.

(2) The Executive Secretary to advise the Chairmen, COMOR, JAEIC, and GMAIC as noted following paragraph 1 of this minute.*

(3) Another joint meeting of the COMINT Committee and ELINT Committee to be held at 1500 hours, 6 October 1961 to consider the draft being prepared by the Department of State.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

Note for information.

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*This accomplished by secure telephone on Friday, 6 October 1961. Contacts made with [REDACTED] Col. G. A. Smith and Col. Earl McFarland.

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